Horseman Halts The Arabs

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Hilal S.C. (Benghazi) 1.

DESPITE pre-match publicity, this friendly game turned out to be no more than a mid-week training session for Wycombe. And thanks to five goals from Tony Horseman (three of them in three minutes) Wanderers had most of their own way for most of the 90 minutes.

But what a meal they made of it! At half-time they were only leading by a headed Horseman goal. And Hilal had lost their goal-keeper to Wycombe's X-ray department after 23 minutes with a badly bruised wrist.

On the first ever visit of an Arab side to England, Hilal started off in grand style. But after losing 5-1 to their hosts Finchley and 3-1 to Wealdstone there was little fight left once they were in arrears.

If their attack looked lively in the early stages their defence could always be carved open. But Wycombe looked as if they didn't want to rub their superiority in in the first-half.

But after the interval Wycombe got the gist of the circumstances and after Samuels had headed home a Worley free-kick in the 61st minute Wanderers got down to the job in hand.

Horseman proceeded to bang home three goals in three minutes, and after a tamely headed goal by Hilal centre-forward Germawi, Bates thumped a hotly disputed penalty past deputy goalkeeper Khalid.

Horseman made it seven and Samuels headed in a good Bates cross to complete the scoring and give the Arabs something to think about on their way home tomorrow.

The Libyan's best forward was inside-right Shaalia who was always dangerous in the penalty area.

Wycombe fans can only hope their team has learned some of the wisdom of the East from this encounter which was well worth watching for the 2,100 people who turned up—and sportingly cheered the foreigners on their way.